



## SPECTATOR & SUPPORT BOAT INFORMATION

**Wednesday – Saturday, Sept. 12-15**

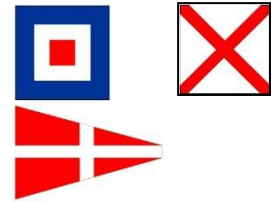
Welcome to the 2018 Resolute Cup. We hope you and your guests enjoy the racing.

**ALL CAPTAINS should attend the Captains' Meeting at 1800 on Tuesday, Sept. 11 in the Sailing Center.**

There are 28 teams competing representing prominent yacht clubs from around the United States. Each team consists of three or four amateur sailors (the team weight limit is 650 lbs.) who must be a member of their Club. Each crew will be wearing pinnies with their burgee and yacht club name on their backs. The regatta will consist of an Opening Series followed by up to three Medal Races.

All teams will compete in the Opening Series from Wednesday through Saturday and will rotate through the fleet of 21 Sonars. The top fourteen teams at the conclusion of the Opening Series will advance to sail up to three Medal Races worth double points Saturday afternoon. The top team will be invited to join New York Yacht Club to compete in the 2019 Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup against yacht club teams from around the world that will be sailed in our brand new fleet of IC37s.

The primary race area is in Narragansett Bay between Goat Island and Rose Island. The secondary race area will be north of the Newport Bridge toward the Conanicut shore. The course is a windward-leeward configuration. Course "W", displayed over a numeral pennant showing the number of legs, has the leeward mark just to windward of the starting line. Course "V" is a one lap course with the start/finish in the middle of a long windward leg. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1030 each day.



*Examples: Course W4, Course V*

### **The competing teams are:**

American (NY)	Corinthian (MA)	Nantucket (MA)	San Francisco (CA)
Austin (TX)	Eastern (MA)	New Bedford (MA)	Sandusky (OH)
Bayview (MI)	Fort Worth (TX)	New York (NY)	Seattle (WA)
Carolina (SC)	Houston (TX)	Newport Harbor (CA)	Shelter Island (NY)
Chicago (IL)	Indian Harbor (CT)	Rush Creek (TX)	St. Francis (CA)
Club Nautico de San Juan	Kollegewidgwok (ME)	Sachem's Head (CT)	Storm Tysail (NY)
Coral Reef (FL)	Larchmont (NY)	San Diego (CA)	Cleveland Yachting (OH)

### **Here are some things you can do to help us make the racing fair and keep each day safe and enjoyable for spectators and competitors:**

- MIND YOUR WAKE...Even if you are well outside the course area, your wake can carry onto the course and affect the racing.
- Competitors cannot have contact or communications with support boats from the first course signal of the day until after the last boat has finished the final race of the day. CHEER them on, but you cannot give them any advice or transfer any clothing, food, etc. **There can be penalties for a team that breaks this rule.**
- Spectator boats associated with a team shall clearly display the burgee (a minimum of 12" on the hoist) of the yacht club with which they are associated. A pole will be provided by the Organizing Authority as needed to display your burgee.
- Don't try to watch both the start/leeward mark roundings AND the windward mark roundings...you will leave too much wake if you do.

- Listen to **VHF Channel 77** for official information from the Race Committee.
- Please comply with all instructions received from the Race Officials who may assist you in keeping clear of the racing area, or remind you if you are getting too close;
- Stay outside of the team support boats and the upwind and downwind laylines;
- The rounding marks are orange inflatable marks. The starting mark is a race committee boat and the finish mark will be a green inflatable mark. Change marks, used when the wind shifts, are yellow inflatable marks. Please stay well clear of these critical racing areas;
- See the **DIAGRAM BELOW**. Stay outside the race course area. Never cut in front of a racing boat. Proceed on a parallel or diverging course and do not “cut the corner” even if there is not a racing boat on your side of the course.
- Be aware that the wind may shift and the angle of the race course and the sailboats may change accordingly. Please stay alert.
- Observe a **5 knot speed limit** when near the race course, observe the “Rules of the Road”, and use “Common Sense” at all times. **LARGE VESSELS** should not try to be at both the start/finish area and the windward mark!! Choose one area and keep your wake down.
- In case of emergency, first call the usual local emergency services on **VHF channel 16**, and then advise the Race Officials on **VHF channel 77** if time permits.

